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SUBJECT: CODEL HOWARD

1. MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
TRANSPORTATION, REPRESENTATIVES JAMES J. HOWARD, ROBERT A.
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ROE AND BUD SHUSTER, UITH MR. SALVADORE J. D'AMICO, MAJORITY
COUNSEL, AND MR. RON K. ENCE, MINORITY PROFESSIONAL STAFF
MEMBER, WILL TRAVEL TO ADDRESSEE POSTS DURING PERIOD
JAN. 3-16. THE PURPOSE OF THIS TRAVEL IS TO INSPECT
TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND TO DISCUSS WITH APPROPRIATE
OFFICIALS ALL FACETS OF THEIR GROUND TRANSPORTATION
OPERATIONS, BOTH HIGHWAY AND MASS TRANSIT PROGRAMS. FLIGHT

ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

JAN. 3 - LV WASH. 0945 NW-3 AR TOKYO 1735 JAN. 4

JAN. 8 - LV TOKYO 0955 JAL-731 AR HONG KONG 1335

JAN. 11 - LV HONG KONG 1100 SQ-645 AR SINGAPORE 1535

JAN. 13 - LV SINGAPORE 2120 OA-15 AR ATHENS 0540 JAN. 14

(REP. SHUSTER LEAVES CODEL IN ATHENS. SEE PARA 7 BELOW.)

JAN. 14 - LV ATHENS 0755 MA-221 AR BUDAPEST 0845

JAN. 16 - LV BUDAPEST 1045 MA-520 AR FRANKFURT 1120 LV
FRANKFURT 1320 PA-73 AR NEW YORK 1545

3. AT EACH STOP CODEL WOULD LIKE EMBASSY/CONGEN BRIEFING
ON THE U.S. VIEW OF THE LOCAL SITUATION. CODEL WILL
REQUIRE TWO VEHICLES (SEDAN NOT LIMO) AT EACH STOP.
AUTHORIZATION IS PARA 9 BELOW COVERS RENTAL OF CAR AND
DRIVER WHERE NECESSARY.

4. FOR TOKYO: PLEASE RESERVE 5 SINGLES AT OKURA HOTEL
FOR JAN. 4 THRU 7 AND CONFIRM. CODEL REQUESTS EMBASSY
SET UP FOLLOWING PROGRAM:
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THURSDAY, JAN. 5, A.M.:

BRIEFING BY JAPANESE HIGHWAY PUBLIC CORP. AND MINISTRY OF
CONSTRUCTION, TO INCLUDE:

- (1) BRIDGE REHABILITATION AND REPLACEMENT;
- (2) ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING NOISE TUNNEL TO
AVOID NOISE AND LIGHTS TO AVOID CROP DAMAGE;
- (3) DEALING WITH CONGESTED AREAS;
- (4) SAFETY. TRUCKS - FOUR TURNING WHEELS IN FRONT;
EXTERNAL SPEED INDICATOR LIGHTS; SAFETY RAILS ON SIDES;
ELECTRONIC BEAMS TO IDENTIFY OVERSIZE TRUCKS; SPEED LIMIT
DIFFERENTIALS FROM PASSENGER CARS; REGULATION OF ROUTES
AND RATES. CARS - DISCORDANT SOUNDS AT HIGH SPEEDS.
PEDESTRIANS - RESTRICTED ZONES VIS-A-VIS ACCIDENTS;
AUTOMATED INFORMATION AND WARNING SYSTEMS; EMERGENCY
PHONES.

(5) FREIGHT TERMINAL FACILITIES AT 44 EXPRESSWAY SITES.

(6) BUS STOPS ON EXPRESSWAYS AND EXPERIENCE WITH BUSES - PREFERENCES OF THE PEOPLE TO VARIOUS MODES. USE OF CLOSED CIRCUIT TV ON BUSES FOR MANEUVERING.

(7) ENERGY IMPACT - INCLUDING FUEL USE, E.G. BY TAXIS.

(8) BUDGET RESTRAINT ON HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION TO SLOW INFLATION.

(9) VAN POOLING.

(10) RELATIONSHIP OF TOLL ROADS TO NON-TOLL.

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(11) SOURCES OF REVENUE.

TOUR OF EXPRESSWAYS TO OBSERVE EXAMPLES OF ABOVE; DISCUSSION OF SOME OF THESE ITEMS MAY BE RESERVED FOR THE TOUR.

THURSDAY, JAN. 5, P.M.:

CONGRESSMEN SHUSTER AND ROE HAVE REQUESTED FOLLOWING: BRIEFING BY JAPANESE ECONOMIC OFFICIALS TO INCLUDE A DISCUSSION OF RECENT TRADE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THE REASONS FOR ITS STALEMATE; A DISCUSSION OF THE CONCEPTS DICTATING THE JAPANESE POSITION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS; THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND JAPANESE ECONOMIES; A DISCUSSION OF THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN JAPAN AND AN ECONOMIC FORECAST; AND A FORECAST AND SUGGESTION ON HOW TO IMPROVE JAPANESE-AMERICAN TRADE RELATIONS IN THE FUTURE. IF SUCH A BRIEFING CAN BE ARRANGED, THEY WOULD LIKE A SIMILAR BRIEFING SCHEDULED THAT DAY WITH EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICERS TO DISCUSS THE AMERICAN VIEWPOINT.

FRIDAY, JAN. 6:

TRAVEL TO KYOTO BY HIGH SPEED TRAIN (BULLET-LIGHT ONE). EMBASSY TO PURCHASE FIRST-CLASS ROUND TRIP TICKETS. (AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASE OF TICKETS GIVEN IN PARS 9 BELOW.)

JAPANESE NATIONAL RAILWAYS: BRIEFING ON TRAINS AND ON COMMUTER RAIL PROBLEMS AND PLANS, GRADE CROSSINGS, MAGNETIC LEVITATION RAIL EXPERIMENT, AND "RECIPROCAL UNCLASSIFIED

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THROUGH SERVICE" AGREEMENT WITH SUBWAYS. INSPECT COMPUTER CONTROL CENTER FOR BULLET TRAINS.

SATURDAY, JAN. 7, A.M.:

TRANSPORTATION BUREAU OF TOKYO METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT (TBTMG) TEITO RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

INSPECTION OF SUBWAYS, INCLUDING VIEWING THE OSHIYA, PAID PUSHERS.

BRIEFING - GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING OPERATING DEFICITS, MAINTENANCE, PLANNING WITH JAPANESE NATIONAL RAILWAYS FOR A "RECIPROCAL THROUGH SERVICE" THAT WOULD ADD 222 MORE ROUTE MILES TO 996 MILES OF SUBWAY LINES IN OPERATION, IMPACT ON RIDERSHIP OF RESTRICTIONS ON AUTO OWNERSHIP, PEOPLE MOVER OR GROUP RAPID TRANSIT (GRT), BUSES VIS-A-VIS RAIL IN CONSIDERING EXPANSION, PROVISION FOR ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED.

5. FOR HONG KONG: PLEASE RESERVE 5 SINGLES AT HONG KONG HILTON FOR JAN. 8 THRU 10 AND CONFIRM. CODEL REQUESTS CONGEN SET UP FOLLOWING PROGRAM:

MONDAY, JAN. 9, A.M.:

KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO.

CHINA MOTOR BUS CO. - BRIEFING - GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUS MODE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING FINANCING, ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED, INTERMODAL CONNECTIONS, EXPERIENCE WITH DOUBLE-DECK BUSES CARRYING 121 PASSENGERS.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES - 14 SEAT MINIBUSES INDIVIDUALLY OWNED- DISCUSSION OF SERVICE EXPERIENCE AND IMPACT ON OTHER MODES, ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED, ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES.

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MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORP. - BRIEFING, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF HOW THE SYSTEM EXPECTS TO BE MAKING A PROFIT OY 1985, AND DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION VIS-A-VIS AUTO CONGESTION; PROVISION FOR ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED.

HYDROFOIL FERRIES - GENERAL BRIEFING. ARE THERE SOME THAT CAN CARRY 1,000 PASSENGERS - EXPERIENCE WITH THESE. INSPECTION TRIP OF OPERATIONS-HYDROFOIL, RAIL, BUSES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARKING FACILITIES AS THEY IMPACT ON REDUCING CONGESTION.

6. FOR SINGAPORE: PLEASE RESERVE 5 SINGLES AT SUITABLE HOTEL FOR JAN. 11 AND 12 AND CONFIRM. CODEL REQUESTS EMBASSY SET UP FOLLOWING PROGRAM:

THURSDAY, JAN. 12, A.M.:

BRIEFING ON THE "AREA LICENSING SYSTEM" (ALS), INCLUDING CAUSE AND EFFECT, ADVANTAGES, DISADVANTAGES, IMPACT ON

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND CAR POOLING, REASONS SINGAPORE IS CONSIDERING A SUBWAY.

FRIDAY, JAN. 13, A.M.:

INSPECTION OF RESTRICTED ZONE IN OPERATION AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS.

7. FOR ATHENS: REP. SHUSTER WILL LEAVE CODEL IN ATHENS FOR PRIVATE TRAVEL BEFORE RETURNING TO U.S. HE REQUESTS EMBASSY RESERVE SINGLE HOTEL ROOM FOR HIM IN ATHENS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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JAN. 14 THRU 18. PLEASE CONFIRM. REP. SHUSTER NOT AUTHORIZED PER DIEM IN ATHENS.

8. FOR BUDAPEST: PLEASE RESERVE 4 SINGLES AT SUITABLE HOTEL FOR JAN. 14 AND 15 AND CONFIRM. CODEL WOULD LIKE BRIEFING ON MORNING OF JAN. 14 BY HOST GOVERNMENT IF POSSIBLE, IF NOT BY EMBASSY, ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING PROVISION FOR ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED.

9. AUTHORIZATION: PROVISIONS OF CA-10315 DTD 10/16/72 APPLY. USE OF TREASURY ACCOUNT 20A1510 OR LOCAL CURRENCIES 19FT510 ACCOUNT WHERE AVAILABLE UP TO EQUIVALENT US DOLS 75 PER DAY PLUS ACTUAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS AUTHORIZED PER STATE 123593 DTD 5/27/77. APPOINT CONTROL OFFICER, MEET, ASSIST, PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION. VANCE

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